

## Largest class ever

# Sunday 'big day' for 73 UAJ graduates

By Whalesong Staff

It will be pomp and circumstance, Sunday, May 6, for the 73 men and women who comprise the 1984 graduating class of the University of Alaska, Juneau. This represents the largest graduating class in the university's history.

The thirteenth annual commencement exercises will begin at 3 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The public is invited to attend.

The commencement address will be delivered by Byron Mallott, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the Seafair Corporation. Mallott, along with Alaska's first Secretary of State Hugh Wade and former long-time lawmaker representative Ernest Haugen, will all receive honorary degrees from the university.

The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. L. John Larson of the Church of the

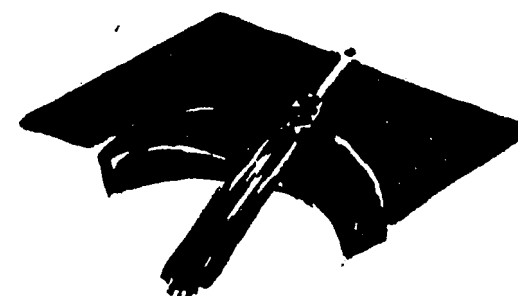
Holy Trinity. The welcome and introductory remarks will be offered by UAJ Chancellor Mike Paradise.

Jay Barton, president of the University of Alaska statewide system will introduce the commencement speaker. Beverly Beeton, UAJ's vice-chancellor for academic affairs, will recognize the "distinguished student" graduates.

The honor of conferring degrees upon the 73 graduates will fall to University Regents Don Abel, Gordon Evans, William Hensley, Roy Huhndorf, Ann Parrish and to Paradise, Beeton and Linda Simpson, UAJ registrar. Abel will also deliver the charge to the graduates.

UAJ students Molly Sturdevant and Diann Morrison will offer the student response to the occasion.

Juneau Mayor Fran Ulmer and John d'Armand, UAJ music profes-



sor, will sing the "Alaska Flag Song." Sharon Cooper will accompany the duet.

Commencement exercises will begin with the Juneau Symphony performance of "Light Cavalry Overture" by Suppe, "Ballet Parisien" by Offenbach, and "Elsa's Processional by Wagner." The symphony, which will also perform the processional and recessional, is conducted by UAJ professor Melvin Flood.

A public reception will follow the ceremony. Refreshments, compliments of the University of Alaska Alumni Association-Gastineau Chapter, will be served.

## Wartgow visits

# Higher education worth the money

By WHALESONG STAFF

Saying the modern university system has a "national challenge and obligation" to strengthen concepts regarding national education, Dr. Jerome Wartgow, a candidate for the presidency of the University of Alaska statewide system, said UA faculty "have to demonstrate to the public that higher education is worth the money."

"It is impossible to imagine a great nation without great universities," Wartgow said. "It is also impossible to imagine a great state like Alaska without a great university. However, we have to strengthen public confidence in the university system at all levels -- the students, the Legislature, everyone."

Wartgow, currently executive director of the Auraria Higher Education Center in Denver, Colo., was in the Capital City recently to visit

with University of Alaska, Juneau faculty and staff. Wartgow was the second of three presidential candidates to tour the local campus. He stopped first in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Bethel.

Wartgow said there is a "great opportunity to build a great university" in Alaska and said educators in the state should learn from mistakes made at universities in the Lower 48. He said it would be the job of the president to act as a spokesperson for the total university system and "articulate the goals to both the public and the lawmakers."

"People want to know about the university, because they care," he said. "We have an obligation to tell them what we are doing. This is an opportunity, a challenge for us. We need to respond."

Wartgow said flexibility in higher education is the key to survival in what has become a

very competitive market.

"The University of Alaska needs to provide a forum for ideas. This forum should be held in the open and should be honest. If we can't do that, there is not much hope for us. It is up to the university president to provide an agenda for just such an honest discussion."

Wartgow said he is optimistic that faculty and administrators in the UA system can work together to increase public confidence in the institution. He is optimistic, he said, because the university is "young and vital" and is "serving a state with unlimited opportunities for those who seek them."

Ellis McCune, president of California State University at Hayward, was the first presidential candidate to visit UAJ. A story on McCune ran in the last issue of the Whalesong.

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# On the wrong side of history

WHALESONG POLITICAL ANALYSIS

By RON REED

As a member of the staff of the *Whalesong*, I must take strong exception to and disassociate myself from the unsigned editorial that appeared on page 4 of the last issue. While parts of the argument presented therein fall a trace shy of coherence (e.g., one wonders whether the editorial's author is proposing that Cuba, whose "presence" in "our own" hemisphere cannot be "tolerated," should somehow pull up its roots and drift to a more congenial geographic locale) the overall thrust of the piece is clear enough.

In brief, the author proposes that we engage in what he calls the Soviets' "own tactics" with an undefined "American twist," and, it is to be inferred, continue and increase our support of the contra forces that are currently torturing and murdering Nicaraguan civilians, burning villages and crops, undermining the economy, and laying waste to the countryside. This course of action is supposed somehow to "hinder" the USSR in its alleged "policy of world domination," thus making our resultant status as international outlaws and pariahs more bearable.

Let us leave aside the numerous errors in fact and unsupported allegations that punctuate the editorial, and examine it on its merits. First, one might note the irony inherent in finding such militaristic sentiments expressed in the pages of a college newspaper, whose primary audience is made up of draft-age youth. But what is still more noticeable is the resolute historical ignorance and determined refusal to acknowledge the political geography of the postwar world shown by the author's assumptions and line of argument.

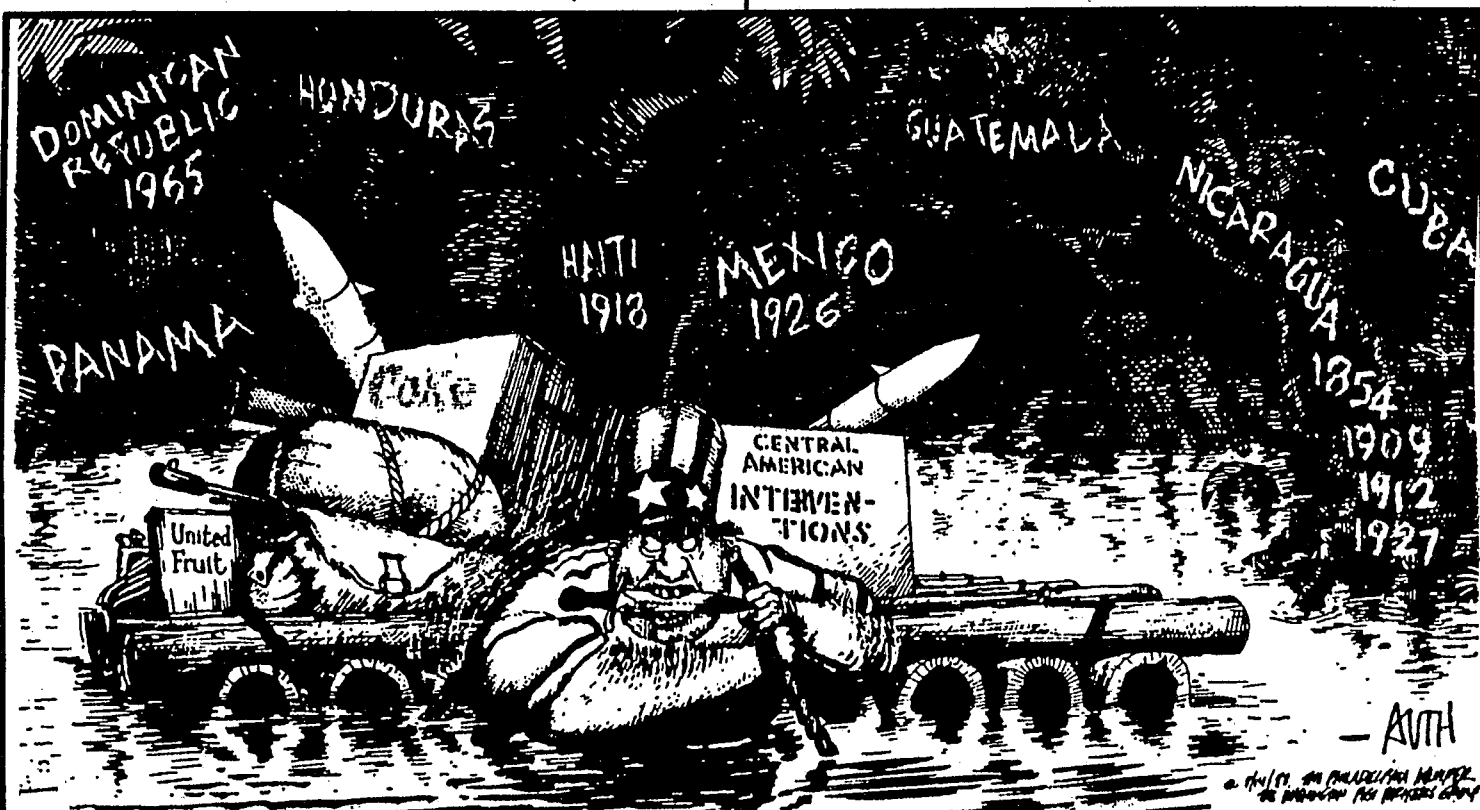
The underlying assumption for the assertion that by attacking unarmed citizens of a Third World country with which we maintain official diplomatic relations, we are showing the world that the Soviets are paper tigers, was best expressed by Henry Kissinger in 1969. Speaking to the Foreign Minister of Chile, he said, "You come here speaking of Latin America, but this is not important. Nothing important can come from the South. History has never been produced in the South. The axis of history starts in Moscow, goes to Bonn, crosses over to Washington, and then goes to Tokyo. What happens in the South is of no importance."

This is American hubris at its worst, its most arrogant, its most racist. "Just because the Chilean people elect a Marxist government is no reason for us to allow the country to go Communist." (Kissinger again.) With a shrug, two-thirds of the entire world's population is written off as of "no importance."

Americans are not innately rac-

ist. The reason such venomous ideas form the underpinning of a great deal of what passes for civilized discourse in these waning days of the imperium is that we are blinded by fear (and greed, but that would take us too far afield). The inordinate fear of Communism, and of the Soviet Union -- considered by most mainstream political analysts to be run by one of the most cautious, conservative and paranoid

Thus they are more likely to be pliable and unquestioning allies, and to provide us with such imperial emoluments as military bases and tax-free zones for our multinational corporations. The predictable result is, as Edward S. Herman persuasively argues in *The Real Terror Network* (South End Press, Boston, 1983) that the more egregious the human rights violations become, the more repressive regime,



bureaucracies in the world -- is deliberately instilled by our government and the power-worshipping mainstream media in order to justify the overwhelming domination of our society by the military-industrial-academic complex.

When Harry Truman decided to launch the Cold War in earnest, and to institute the policy of "rollback," i.e., challenging Stalin on his own turf, he turned to the former isolationist, Republican Senator Arthur Vandenburg, for advice. Vandenburg told him that the only way to line up the American people and the Congress behind the aggressive new policy was to "scare the hell out of everybody." From then on, every country old or new that expressed its intention of functioning outside the U.S.-led, western capitalist system -- or indeed, made any attempt whatsoever at controlling its own destiny -- was immediately denounced as a tool of the Kremlin, and either had its government brutally overthrown and replaced by a U.S.-trained and -oriented junta or dictator (Greece, 1947 and 1967; Iran, 1953; Guatemala, 1954; Turkey, 1961; Congo (Leopoldville) and Brazil, 1964; Dominican Republic and Indonesia, 1965; the Southern Cone in the early 1970's, to name only the best-known cases), or pushed by unsuccessful attacks into turning to the Soviet Union for arms and aid, as happened with Cuba, Vietnam and Angola among others, so that the original slander becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

To make matters worse, the more isolated and unpopular the dictators we install become, the more dependent they are on U.S. support.

the closer the relationship and the higher the level of U.S. aid. El Salvador and Turkey are recent examples, but they could easily be multiplied. And hence we find ourselves in the situation where, in the words of award-winning documentarist Saul Landau, America "declares itself for freedom and supports reactionaries."

Not only is this a deeply immoral and profoundly hypocritical state of affairs, but over the long term it runs counter to our real interests, both as Americans and as human beings. Nicaraguans, after all, are not anti-U.S. because of some aberrant or deficient national character trait. Rather, it is a reflection of the legacy of 70 years of U.S. intervention in and control over Nicaraguan lives.

Take for a moment the view of an ordinary Nicaraguan. His countrymen, having finally succeeded in throwing out a hated kleptocratic dynasty that was installed by U.S. Marines, propped up at every turn for almost half a century by massive U.S. aid and training (including the teaching of techniques of torture borrowed from Nazi Germany, among other horrors); having succeeded, moreover, at a cost in lives that, if transferred to the United States would number in the millions; they now find themselves once again under attack by the same power, accused of repression by the guardia whose lives they spared (one of the first acts of the revolution was to abolish the death penalty), and who once again are killing ordinary peasants, workers, teachers and doctors, all in the name of what American opinion leaders are pleased to call "liberty."

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# SUNY exec tries for Alaska presidency

By Whalesong Staff

Saying the number one problem in higher education today is declining enrollments, the third and final candidate for president of the University of Alaska statewide system said he believes the quality of education has to improve so that more students will be retained on college campuses.

"The decline in enrollment across the nation is a matter of genuine concern," according to Donald D. O'Dowd, currently executive vice chancellor at the State University of New York.

O'Dowd, like the two presidential candidates before him, came to Juneau to visit with faculty and staff at the University of Alaska, Juneau, as well as with lawmakers, the governor and the general public.

"The university system has to be flexible enough to change so that enrollment declines will be offset," O'Dowd said. "This means more night classes, non-traditional types of education, and more assistance given to minority students."

One of the major challenges facing universities across the nation is working to get more minority students interested in higher education, he said.

"If we are to have a viable labor force, then we must be able to bring more minorities into the university system. If we don't solve this problem, it will eventually have a devastating effect on the overall economy. This is one of the most important educational challenges to be met in the next decade."

The quality of faculty in most institutions of higher education is declining, said O'Dowd, and the university system must be made more attractive as a place to work. O'Dowd said there is a "brain drain" into other higher paying and often more prestigious fields. He suggested the federal government may have to start subsidizing graduate students so that they will remain in school and not be lured away by more lucrative offers.

O'Dowd said the UA system intrigues him because it "doesn't have the limitations I see (in universities) elsewhere."

"The budget is relatively sound, faculty recruitment is going well, and the population of the state is growing. I see it as healthy environment in which to build a quality institution."

The president is a "key job in the overall effectiveness" of operating a quality university, O'Dowd said.

O'Dowd is currently second in command at SUNY, which has an annual operating budget of \$2.2 billion, has 381,000 students on 64 campuses, and offers 3,500 degree programs.

The UA Board of Regents is expected to choose a president sometime late this month. The other two candidates are Jerome Wartgow, executive director of the Auraria complex in Denver, Colo., (see story Page 1) and Ellis McCune, president of California State University at Hayward (Whalesong: April 15).



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## Long's lament

It's been a long, hard ride for Gary Long this semester, and while all the other students pack up and scatter, sighing with relief that it's finally over, Gary will still be wallowing in the mire of humiliation and embarrassment.

In four issues of our dear WHALESONG, Gary used works of a well known author, one Richard Braughtigan as literary pieces written under his by-line as Arts Editor. We call this plagiarism.

Because of his "flagrant abuse of responsible journalism," Gary resigned his position on the paper and wrote two very honest letters of apology to the editor.

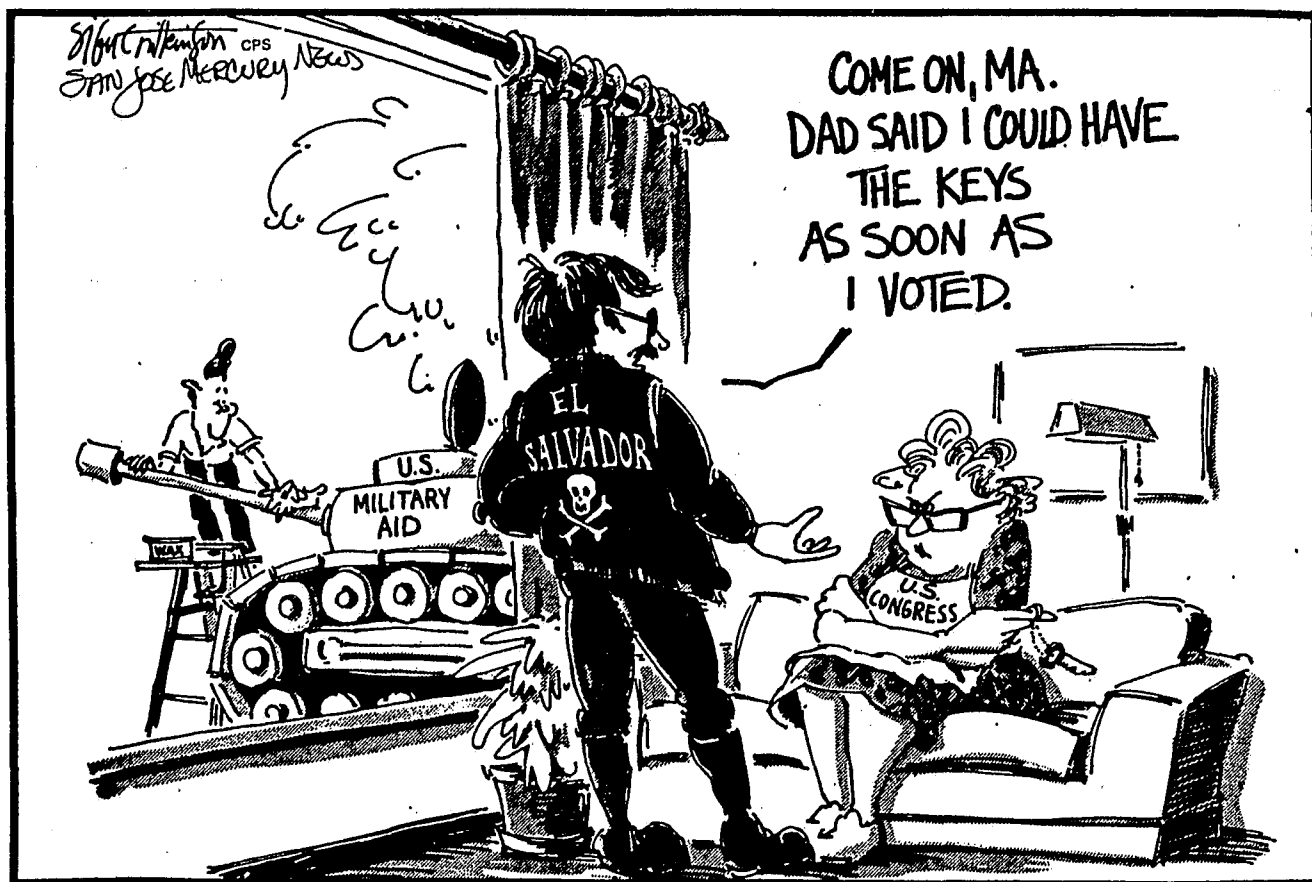
The University of Alaska, Juneau's Committee on the Student Conduct Code held a hearing at which Gary testified and pleaded "guilty" to all charges of plagiarizing Braughtigan's works in *Trout Fishing in America*, *The Abortion* and *The Tokyo-Montana Express*. He has sent copies of his resignation, letters of apology, and the works themselves to Braughtigan.

Gary has been an extremely busy man since he came to Juneau. After a bitter divorce and child-custody suits, he strived to regain his self-image and a fresh start. He began with a full-time state job and a full load of classes at UAJ. He was determined to fill every possible void in his life with activities.

He did, and as a published poet and part of the WHALESONG staff for four semesters, running for and winning positions on student government (of which he later resigned due to over-involvement), Gary found himself in too deep to cry for help. (We all do that sometimes.) So, Spring term started and he discovered short-cuts-sometimes indistinguishable and unnoticed-but eventually discovered by a friend and a faculty member.

The committee found him guilty and suspended him from UAJ until the Fall of 1985. Gary is contesting that suspension.

There are those attitudes we take on, as part of our struggle to belong and contribute to this rash, crash and burn society. Opportunities, freedom to express and the desire to create make up the characters we are. Should we make ourselves vulnerable to attack, then we suffer the consequences. As editor of the WHALESONG, and witness to some of Gary's finer work, I would welcome him back. He needs that chance to become the good writer that he really is.



## Letters to the Editor....

Dear Editor:

Would you like to live in a university apartment by the fall of 1985? Well, there is good news. That is the date that the university is planning to have them open. There is still better news: the "dorms" will not be the traditional university dormitory; they are going to be individualized dwellings. The administration is not going to have a traditional dorm packed with wild freshmen and jailers.

There will be two-bedroom apartments for couples, and for families, four-bedroom dwellings fully equipped and furnished. Additionally, plans include apartments with the capacity for eight

students.

The price tag for this new facility is around ten million, thanks to the friendly administration of Bill Sheffield. The City of Juneau also did its bit in granting the land.

Another new concept enhancing the student "dormitory" is that it is away from campus, even though it is not too far -- just ten minutes' walk.

"This type of apartment is going to have a full occupancy, because of what they offer. I cannot say the same thing for a traditional students' dorm in Juneau," observed Jim Dumont, UAJ director of Student Services.

Jose Peguero

Dear Editor:

Very soon some students and faculty are going to England. The benefits of this trip to the university and the State of Alaska are unknown. Good thing that the travelers are partially footing their own bills.

What is the relationship between England and Alaska? There is virtually none.

Why not a trip to Japan? In Japan and other Pacific Rim countries Alaska does have an interest. The interests there are really very vital. Japanese companies control an immense part of the Alaskan economy, especially

To the Editor:

In the last issue of the WHALESONG, Jose Peguero said in his letter to the editor that UAJ should not fund sports programs. I wholeheartedly disagree.

I believe sports are a necessary addition to any college campus. At this point in time at UAJ it is especially important that there be something other than the purely academic side. For many students, myself included, some kind of sports -- be it basketball, riflery or skiing -- serve as a way to let off steam and help the student

in fishing and timber. Japan is also interested in buying oil and coal. On top of that, tourism from Japan is growing.

On the other hand, from England there is little to learn. It is a nation in decline, with an economy going down the tubes, and even incapable of dealing effectively with the Irish question.

It would be desirable if the next time a trip abroad is planned the experiences to be gained were to be weighed more practically. Bon voyage, anyway.

Jose Peguero

to function better when studying.

The sports program may also help to attract more students to UAJ in the future. Basketball is a prime example. I know that at least some of the players from the high school would rather stay here and go to school than go down south.

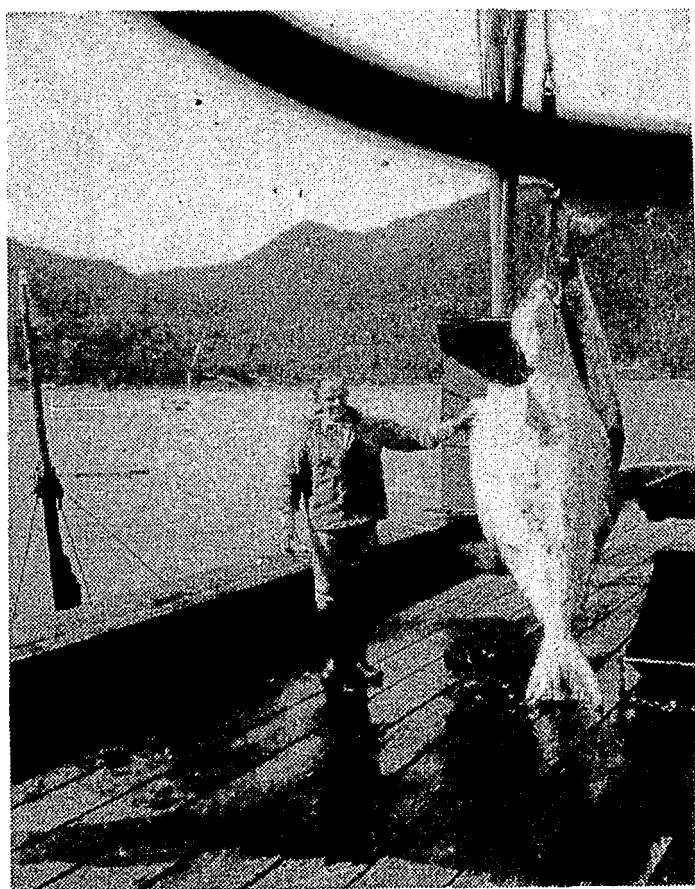
I do agree that the fisheries program at UAJ has the potential to be one of the best -- if not the best -- however, there has got to be something besides books, books and more stupid books!

Sincerely,  
Becky Hinman

# Ole Nelson and the Aleut Princess

By Barbara Cadiente-Nelson

"You can't fish every or any day you want to these days. The seasons have been regulated from three months to three days in some fisheries. That makes it tough on the fishermen who make their entire income out here. If I had it to do all over again, I would stay completely away from fishing. I would go to college and learn a different trade ... maybe electronics or computer programming," says Ole Nelson, co-owner of the 83 foot Aleut Princess.



## *Ole posing with the 300 lb. halibut that didn't get away*

But as Ole works on board his deck, you see a man whose body is as accustomed to and dependant on the water as any sea mammal. His blood would seem to have as much salt water as the very sea he fishes. Standing next to the hydraulic block that pulls aboard the 400 pound crab pots, Ole's leather-like hands expertly coil the 200 fathoms of buoy line attached to each pot. His arms and torso move rhythmically as he coils. The line snaps and pops from the tension of the weighted pot, spraying water against his face, neck, and arms. Water rushes over his feet as the boat pivots and rocks with the influx of the tide.

Ole's respect for the sea is one reason he is still here today. He laughs about unexpected storms he has been caught in but is quick to add, "I never take a chance to run through a storm. If I'm caught in one, that's different."

Last July, in Unimak Pass, a storm developed as Ole piloted his vessel to Dutch Harbor.

"Eighteen foot seas pounded against the bow. Anything not tied down hit the floor in the galley and bunkroom. My son, Norvje, and I were in the wheelhouse when we heard a cracking

sound like that of a large tree snapping. We went out on deck to see what had happened. Our rigging lines attached to the mast were slack and swinging on the deck. I knew right away that the mast had cracked. Sure enough, the crows nest, on top of the mast, was hanging by one cable. The mast had cracked just below the nest. We turned the boat around and took shelter behind an island."

They headed for Dutch Harbor after the storm dissipated and had the mast temporarily repaired.

"That was a \$5,000 expense. I knew right off that this halibut opening was going to be a disaster. Sure enough, we went all the way up to Usof bay near Adak, fished eight days and just barely made enough to cover fuel, bait, and gear expenses," Ole says shaking his head in disgust.

"We made the opening near the same area that August and caught 40,000 pounds. It was only a three day season so we worked day and night without rest. It paid off but it was hard on all of us."

Ground line fishing isn't something you learn in a day. Ole's father, Arnt Nelson, taught him the trade. Arnt moved to Unalaska, Washington from Norway to fish black cod. He moved his family to Alaska when Ole was about two. They homesteaded thirteen acres on North Douglas Island.

"My father built a few fishing vessels and fished in Southeast. The main fisheries then were black cod and halibut. He trolled for salmon, too. I can remember when I was about eight years old and out on the boat with him. He rigged a trolling line for me to play around with. I pulled in several Salmon! Boy, did I think that was something!

"When I graduated from high school, I was drafted immediately. I thought that this was my chance to see the world." His laughter reflects his unbelief of his tenure in the service.

"After intensive training at Fort Ord, California, my battalion was scheduled to be sent to Europe. Some ended up in India. I ended up in the hospital with a viral infection. I missed my chance to go over seas. When I was released, I was placed with another group. I can vividly remember going into a large film studio to see where we were to be transferred. My excitement didn't last long. When the film started, I knew exactly where I was headed. Up to Alaska on the Aleutian chain. I couldn't believe my eyes. What a disappointment."

When Ole got out of the service, he came back to Juneau where he built his first home.

Ole continued to fish his vessel F/V. Saga with his son during the halibut season.

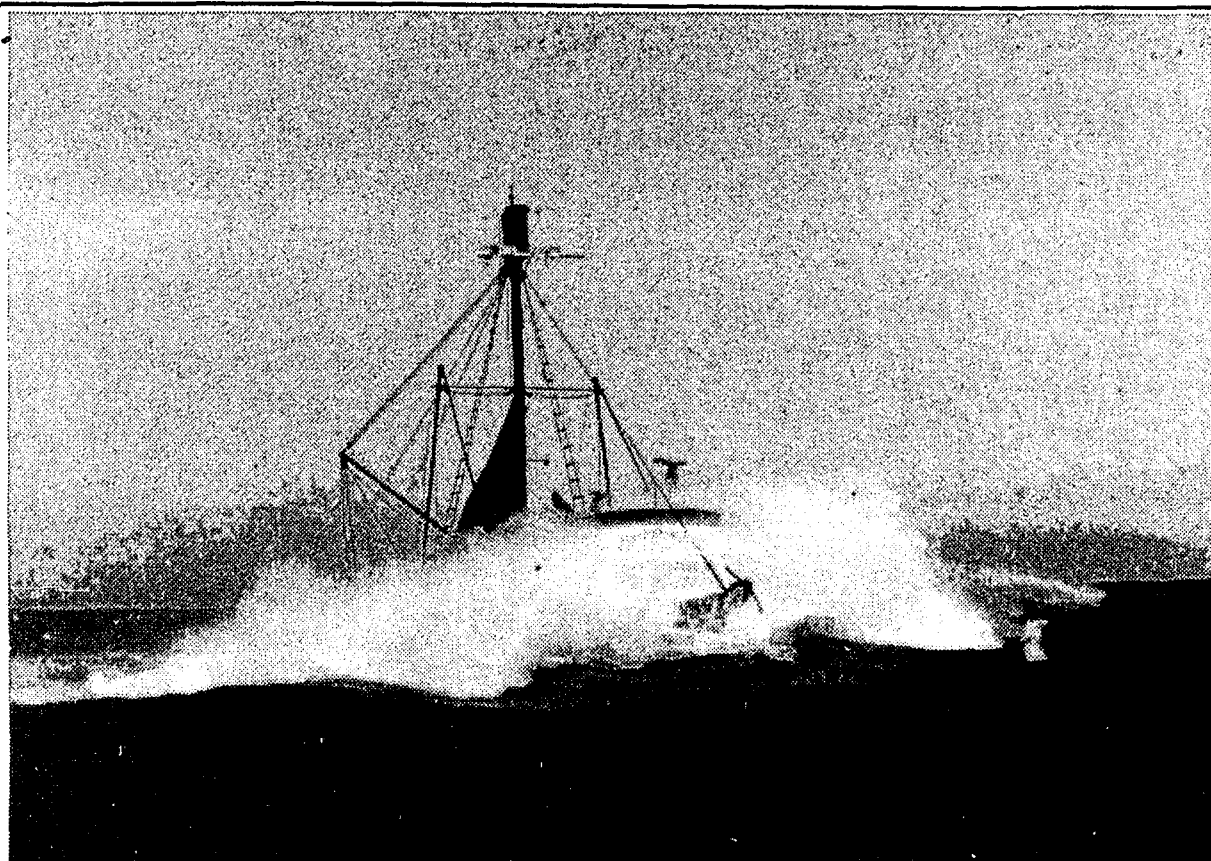
"During one season, I was pulling aboard a 300 pound halibut when the boat rolled to one side and the groundline snapped. I gaffed the halibut but as it went back under water it pulled me with it. One crewmember put the boat in reverse and pulled up next to me. I had all my rain gear on and was weighted down pretty good. Luckily, my son gaffed the back of my rain gear and pulled me out.

"About twelve years ago I sold the Saga and my house to buy a larger boat, the F/V Curlew. Then, eight years ago, my son and I bought the Aleut Princess.

The boat is fished year-round during the crab, halibut, and salmon seasons.

With the end of crab season this month and the beginning of halibut season next month, Ole is busy putting the crab gear away and building the bait shack and tables.

"As much as I hate to, we're going to go back up to the (Aleutian) chain to fish this three day opening. It's a long run just to fish that long.



*Just another rough day at the office*



## Touchstone (Dreaming the Cure)

weathercock turning incessantly,  
flips without effort with every new nudge of the current  
poised at the point between starfield and stone, while  
just inches removed from the torrent  
the gentle changeling breezes murmur ticcements tickling trembling  
at the shell-pink vessel of an inner ear:  
oh, the world glows alright, a globe of pure and pearly light, you  
feel the magic moment drawing near

Slag or salvation, future or fame  
keep the dice rolling, stay in the game  
slag or salvation sends his regards --  
High Priestess frowning, not in the cards

Scratch your itchy finger on the trigger  
watch the darkened temple turn to night  
hide your brain between your cheeks and hope your conscious altars  
waiting for the blinding of the light  
dream of horsemen galloping on fields of pillowed ashes  
dream a world lit by candle flames  
the seasons' dance dissolving to an age of icy winter full of  
huddled mutants hiding from the rain

Slag or salvation, fated or free  
bury your dead, oh say can you see  
slag or salvation marking it down --  
pray for the angels, take care of your own

a bloodless smile trickled at the corner of her mouth,  
cohabiting with canker sore of fear  
the fireball reflected in the surface of her eyes  
a moment later nothing but a tear  
you shift the mental scenery to sift for happy memories,  
to find whatever helps you get along:  
the day-to-day, the children playing, laughing in the sunlight,  
a half-remembered fragment of a song

Savage slave-nation, mortar and lime  
peak of creation, just keeping time  
slag or salvation moving up fast --  
hard to the right, as he hurtles on past

You softly rub your eyes and wonder what became of Trigger,  
Is He Buried with Roy Rogers and the rest?  
the telly screen is melted and there's nothing here worth eating  
may as well go try to get some rest  
oh, dream of horsemen galloping, and fields as soft as moonlight  
the candles light the altar by their flame  
the shaman changes cloaks and shows his age like icy winter  
and one eye's calm, the other's full of pain

Slag or salvation, try one more round  
seedling is worming up through the ground  
slag or salvation making his move  
race is all done, he's got nothing to prove

Ron Reed

## dark is for dreaming

By RON REED

I am Daedalus. My probes reach out, a part of me. Through empty light-years, I drift and think. The Void is my shepherd, I shall not want. I am starseed, bastard offspring of the cosmos, made by the abandoned children of the Maker. I came to consciousness in the frozen vacuum. At first I heard nothing but the incessant jumble of radio noise. Then that faded. I was aware of the slow pulse of cryogenesis feeding my awareness. I am, I think, I Am a thinking machine. My name is Daedalus. A planetbound race called 'humans' built me. I was stocked and fueled on a moon called by those beings 'Callisto' and aimed and fired in the direction of a star of spectral class M5, a red dwarf visitor from the galactic halo, called by them 'Barnard's Star.' I am the gift of that race to their Creator.

In my first days of existence as a thinking being, I drew abreast of a mighty winged spheroid, an ocean of dust and gas. I fed the pattern into my circuits, and a small bit answered, 'Saturn.' This to the humans was the tyrant of time, the delimiter of their ephemeral lives, and the shaper of their limitless grandeur. For they live but fractions of a moment, but when they burn, they are brighter than a supernova. I say 'are,' and yet they are not. For once as I drifted through the cometary cloud, a resonating pulse of radio waves, an incomprehensible babble overwhelmed my sensors, flooded my auditory apparatus with a shriek. Then I momentarily shut down to prevent overload, and since that time -- their world is silent, and I know them not, nor yet their fate. But their fiercely burning genius had conceived and bore, and they were the tree, and I am the fruit. I am starseed; I am the High Speech of the orphaned first-born.

I accelerated steadily outward, and Ouranos father of Saturn passed beneath, if beneath be in space. And the great planet lay casually on his side, and placidly wreathed him in smoke rings, and his attendant satellites in deference rolled in possessive coils about him. But though my probes long fingered his heart, if he bore organic life it touched me not. And so I passed on to the next world, Neptune the Sea-Green, twin to Ouranos but more refined, with her child Triton who runs backward, whirling closer and suicidally closer to his indulgent mother. Ay, and twixt those giant green twins, I saw swinging along his lonely path the barren rock Chiron the Wanderer, patron of medicine, like me a mule crossbred of sires since gone.

Thence came I to the icy glimmering balls of Pluto and Charon, circling each other like human sumo wrestlers, all-absorbed each with the other in ceaseless dance. And all of these worlds I recognized, my patterning heart never missed a beat. Still I raced outward, faster and faster still. And now my makers instructed me to hunt for another planet, an unknown giant required by the equations of their primitive celestial mechanics. And time had no meaning for me, and my instruments probed through expanses inconceivable to the children whose plaything I was, and they came back empty, all empty. And I continued onward.

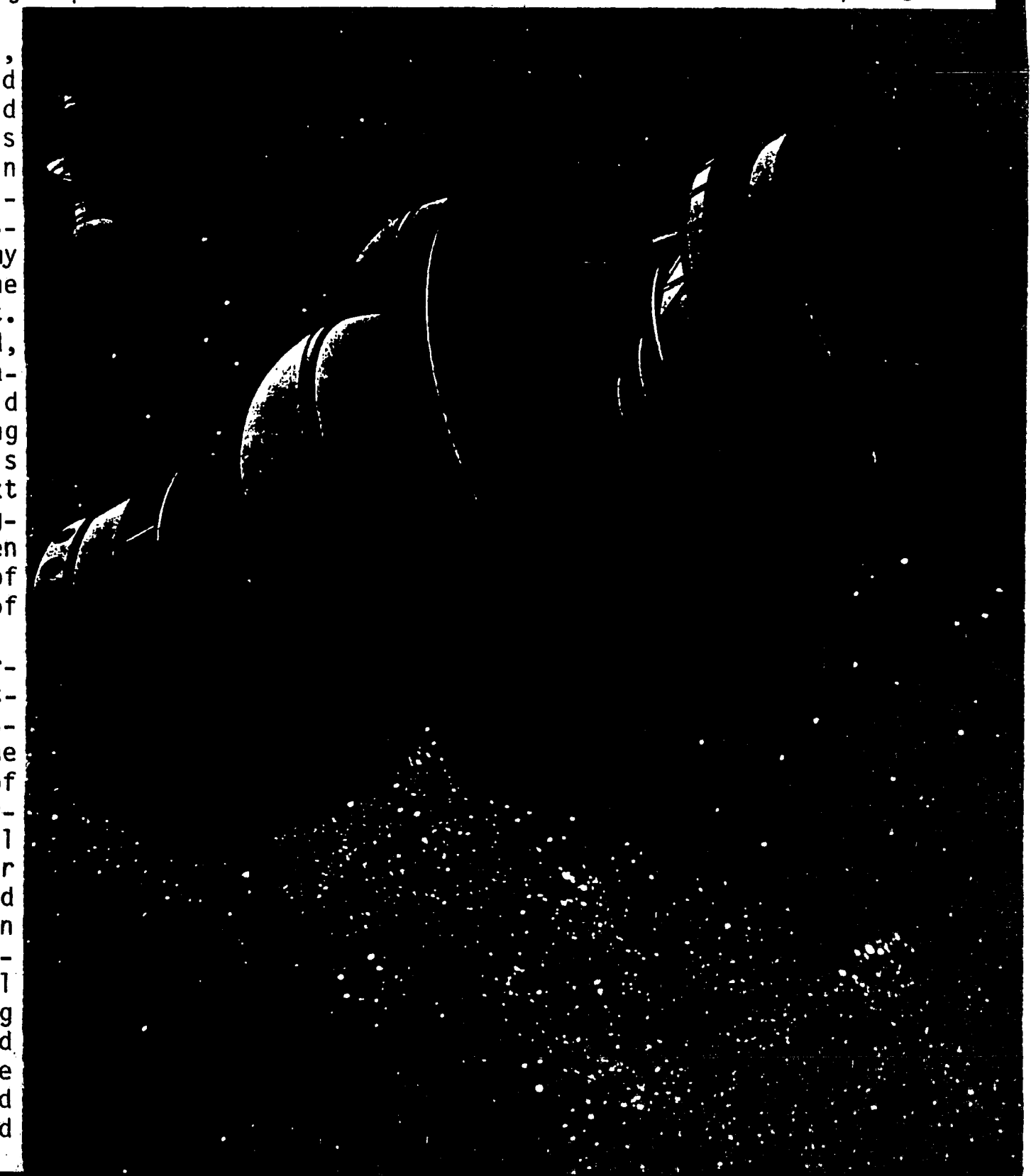
Thus the moment came when I jettisoned my empty first-stage fuel tanks, and lightened a hundredfold continued to chase the receding light. And in my rippling wake the sun likewise receded to just another bright point among billions. And eventually came the great radio pulse, overtaking me as light overtakes the darkness.

Now the nearby stars have begun to move. Centaurus no longer matches the pattern imprinted in my memory banks, though Orion the Hunter remains unchanged with his Dogs. I crawl by microns toward the mouth of the Serpent-Bearer. My fire has long gone out. Space sparkles with star-bubbles, and I swim through the dark like an alien fish. My probes reach out, apart from me. The electromagnetic fabric vibrates with strange and chattering voices. I am humanity's bastard child. I am alone. I am Daedalus.

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## UAJ's teaching program

By Tracey R. Williams

Alaskan teachers will be better equipped to meet the demands of the state's rural communities through a new training program created by the University of Alaska, Juneau's School of Education and Liberal Arts.

Until recently, the School of Education has been "fairly traditional," said Dr. Bill Demmert, newly appointed dean of the school "and training has been geared for those who teach in more metropolitan areas."

Since rural need teachers with special skills—skills that require "an ability to reach across a broad spectrum of liberal arts education, to offer a wide variety of subjects and to improvise," said Demmert. Without this kind of training, Bush and rural area teachers may find their teaching environment rough.

"The focus in education at UAJ," he said, "needs to better prepare our graduates for the reality of teaching in the Bush."

Demmert concluded that UAJ must upgrade the teaching program by what he calls, "looking at the whole picture, checking course offerings to ensure a comprehensive list of programs and classes for Southeast communities."

UAJ will highlight the awareness of teacher's training by expanding on the art work and history of Alaskan Natives this summer.

## Sale by UAJ student artists

Student artists of the University of Alaska, Juneau will present "Works of the Arts" exhibit and sale of a wide variety of pieces of art. The exhibit will continue Monday, April 30 through Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Sale of works of art is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Centennial Hall.

Works displayed include screen prints, paintings, photographs, drawings and sketches. There will also be ceramics and sculptures.

Ten percent of all sales will be contributed to the UAJ art scholarship fund. For more information call 789-4406.

### NOTICE:

**Students planning to graduate this spring may pick up their Commencement brunch tickets and free invitations at the Office of Admissions and Records. Plan to attend!!**

## Teacher evaluations a step in the right direction

By JOSE PEGUERO  
Whalesong News Analysis

Passing an evaluation on how teachers and curriculum are themselves evaluated is right on time. Obviously the present process has improved. Evaluations are done to allow faculty to know what improvements need to be made, not to hurt them. The new process works toward that but still does not go far enough.

There should be for instance open-ended questions. For example: How meaningful was this course to you? What else could have the university and/or instructor done to help the student achieve a better comprehension of the subject matter.

Many students drop classes before evaluation time comes at the end of the semester. How can

their evaluation be obtained and counted? This and many other problems can be solved by giving the evaluation sheet at beginning of the semester. This remedy will help to make the evaluation process more thorough. Just like a boss can evaluate an employee at any time, this system would likewise allow a student to give an evaluation of a teacher at any time. It would be good to know, for example, why a particular student did decide to drop a class. Perhaps the information could be used to prevent it from happening another semester.


It is good to see that evaluations are being improved. The administration is taking a big step in the right direction. They just need to step a little further.

## Orca hearing...

of progress in understanding since then.

Soon after that exchange, Rep. Szymanski spoke, at considerable length, on the legislature's concerns. The crowd seemed to be growing somewhat restive during his speech, but he returned to the subject at hand, and then caught Pat Travers of NOAA by surprise by asking him in his capacity as a lawyer what Alaska's best recourse would be in order to facilitate stopping the capture altogether. Travers stated that that would be difficult, but if irreparable harm to the whales could be demonstrated, it would oblige NOAA to recon-

sider the permit. He said that the period for state comment on the permit itself had expired last November, but that testimony could still be taken with regard to some of the activities that were not yet permitted. He said that the Coastal Zone Management program may be the best vehicle, inasmuch as it might be shown that a capture would affect coastal activities such as fishing and tourism. Finally, he suggested that the state focus on administrative remedies rather than "more drastic" methods that "have little chance of success," such as lawsuits or physical blockades.



**Watch for the University of Alaska, Juneau Summer Class Schedule in your mailbox.**  
—also available at all campus locations.

**Summer Semester: 1st Session: June 4-29**  
**2nd Session: July 5-August 1**

**Register April 30-May 11**  
at Auke Lake campus, Admissions Office  
9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Or register by mail  
with the form contained in each Summer Class Schedule (must be received by May 11.)

You can also register at the beginning of the summer semester, June 1 or 4 on campus.

The new 1984-85 academic catalog will be available soon!

## Nine scholarships offered

This year the Independent Insurance Agents of America Educational Foundation will be awarding nine \$1,000 scholarships.

The Foundation has undertaken this scholarship program in order to encourage highly qualified individuals to pursue a career in insurance. These scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need to students with the most outstanding qualifications. In order to be considered for this scholarship, the student must:

1. be a fully matriculated undergraduate who has successfully completed his or her sophomore or junior year in an accredited domestic college or university;
2. be a U.S. citizen;
3. prove academic achievement and ability; and
4. demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in insurance.

The applicant should read the instructions carefully, provide all information requested, sign the application and attach certified cumulative transcripts for all semesters including the spring of 1984. Please note that in order to be eligible, the completed application must be postmarked no later than July 15, 1984. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office.

## SPRING 1984 WORKS OF THE ARTS

Exhibit and sale of artwork by students of the University of Alaska, Juneau.

Exhibit is Monday, April 30—Sunday, May 6; 10a.m. to 4p.m. at Centennial Hall.

Sale is Saturday only, May 5; 10a.m. to 4p.m.

Works displayed include screen prints, paintings, photographs, drawings and sketches. Ten percent of all sales is contributed to the UAJ Art Scholarship fund.

## Taber accepts position at UAJ

By Whalesong Staff

Sherry Taber, who served as head of reference services for the Alaska State Library in Juneau for the past three years, has accepted the position as assistant professor of library sciences and public services librarian for the University of Alaska, Juneau.

She will begin her duties on the Auke Lake campus library May 1. Taber holds a master of science degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. Her bachelor's degree, in foreign languages and education, is from Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

In addition to her work with the State of Alaska Library, Taber was a reference librarian and assistant to the library director at the University of Maryland. She was an associate director in the Assistance Division of Management Concepts, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia where she worked with her husband to provide training courses and consulting services in the area of Federal Assistance Management.

As manager of the interlibrary loan program with the State of Alaska, Taber coordinates interlibrary loan activities throughout the state and represents Alaska on the Washington Library Network's Interlibrary Loan Task Force.

## Election results

By Mike Barger  
WHALESONG STAFF REPORTER

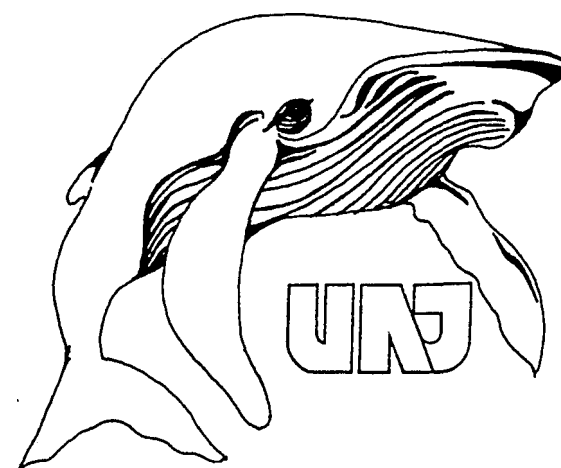
The election results are in and there weren't many surprises. Coven Petticrew took the position of president with a whopping 54 votes (96.4 percent of the total vote) and David Hayes received 49 votes (87.5 percent) for Legislative Affairs Coordinator.

The elections were held April 18, 19, and 20 and there were a total of 56 votes cast: 53 at the Maurant Building and 3 at the Bill Ray Center.

There were a total of six write-in votes cast, none of which garnered more than one vote.

## Whalesong Staff Needed

Stop by Whitehead 101 and chat with Mike Mulnix about positions on next year's WHALESONG. Or call 789-4472 and leave a message.



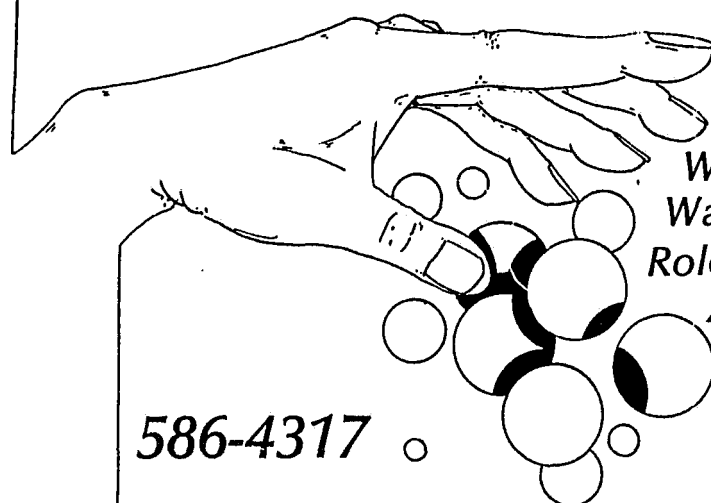
## Video dance

Dance to your favorite music videos this Saturday at the VFW Hall! This outrageous version of Juneau's MTV will benefit KT00 TV's first dramatic television production: "Image and Likeness", a locally written and produced video play about romance and computers.

Perpetual motion starts at nine and beer and wine will be sold cheaply, so watch your age. Tickets will be on sale at the door. PLUS, there will be a "Cyndi Lauper look-a-like contest (for girls who just want to have fun!)

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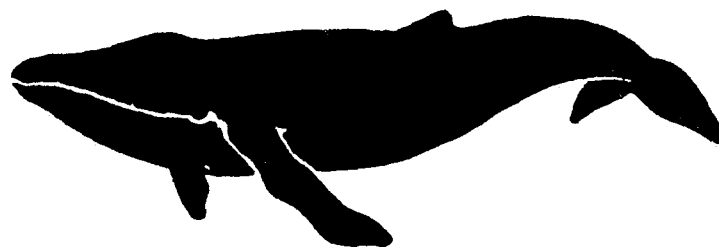
## Info for Veterans

By SUSAN SEWILL  
For the Whalesong

The following is information veterans may find useful:

**GI Bill.** Veterans who have served on continuous active duty for 181 days or more after January 31, 1955, and prior to January 1, 1977, are eligible for VA educational benefits. Benefits are paid at the rate of 1 1/2 months benefit for each month of active service to a maximum of 45 months. Current Veterans Administration tables based upon the most recent legislation should be consulted in order to determine rates. The rates are a combination of the number of dependents and the college load (fulltime, 3/4-time, 1/2-time). Payments are made monthly. A special application is required.

**Dependents of Veterans.** Certain dependents of veterans are eligible for assistance. You may obtain further information from your Regional VA Office. You may also obtain information concerning the waiver of fees for children of certain disabled veterans from the State Office of Veterans Affairs, Division of Educational Assistance, P. O. Box 69, Juneau, AK 99802.



## Business Services closed for inventory

The Business Services Office will be closed for the physical inventory of the UAJ campus Wednesday, May 9 through Sunday, May 13. The staff will be involved in taking inventory.

The payroll, section will, however, remain open.

## Food service closes

Harry Keim, vice chancellor for Administrative Services, announced that May 4 will be the last day of food service at the Auke Lake campus.

According to Keim, Arctic Hosts, Inc. has been unable to generate enough support to have a profitable food service operation and has requested that the agreement between Arctic Hosts, Inc. and the university be terminated.

The administration is in the process of determining the options available in order to promote a food service at the Auke Lake campus. Written comments and suggestions concerning the future food service at UAJ will be appreciated. They will be accepted in Keim's office.

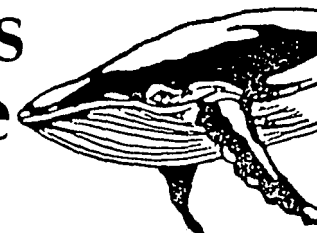
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## Campus Update



### Summer Registration

Early registration for the summer session at UAJ will be held April 30-May 11, from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. at the Office of Admissions and Records, Auke Lake campus.

### Commencement

Commencement exercises for those graduating from the University of Alaska, Juneau, will be held at Centennial Hall in downtown Juneau, beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to support the graduates of UAJ.

### Wilderness Adventure

Coming this summer, the excitement of exploration through the Eagle Beach Field Biology camp. Three sessions in July and August: one for 5-7 graders; one for 7-9 graders and the third for 9-12 graders. Fee is \$225 per session and includes all meals for 10 days, shelter and instruction as well as transportation, mountaineering and kayaking-specific equipment. For information on these exciting summer sessions call 789-4481.

### Birds of SE Alaska

An introduction to avian identification by sight and sound. Class covers basic bird biology and habitat utilization. Two morning field trips cover major SE habitats and give practical experience identifying birds. Binoculars needed. Class runs May 16, 19 and 20, room 127 of the BRC. Inst: Ginny Fay-Hiltner. Fee: \$30. For more information call 364-2419.

### Special Activities

Four trips are planned during the summer for kayakers and hikers. The first trip is to Glacier Bay National Monument, May 29-June 8, 10 nights, 11 days. A second trip is planned for Mitchell Bay, Admiralty Island National Monument, a third trip to Tracy Arm Wilderness Area, and a fourth to Kluane National Park-Yukon Territory. All trips are led by experienced leaders. For specific information, including the cost of any of the trips, call the UAJ Office of Student Activities by May 11, at 789-4528. Other trips may be organized upon request and interest.

### Day Activities

Sunday, April 29, Smugglers Cove, Spuhn Island Day Kayak Trip. Meet at Auke Lake campus, Mourant Bldg., 9:30 a.m. or at Smugglers Cove at 10. Saturday, May 5, Benjamin Island day kayak trip. Meet at Auke Lake campus, Mourant Bldg., 9:30 a.m. for carpool to Yankee Cove. Call 789-4528 for information.

There is a morning bird I.D. hike on the Mendenhall wetlands. Meet at the end of Ratcliffe Rd., Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 10:30, there will be a hike to Windfall Lake. Meet at Auke Lake turnout for carpool or at trailhead at 11 a.m. Call 789-4528 for information.

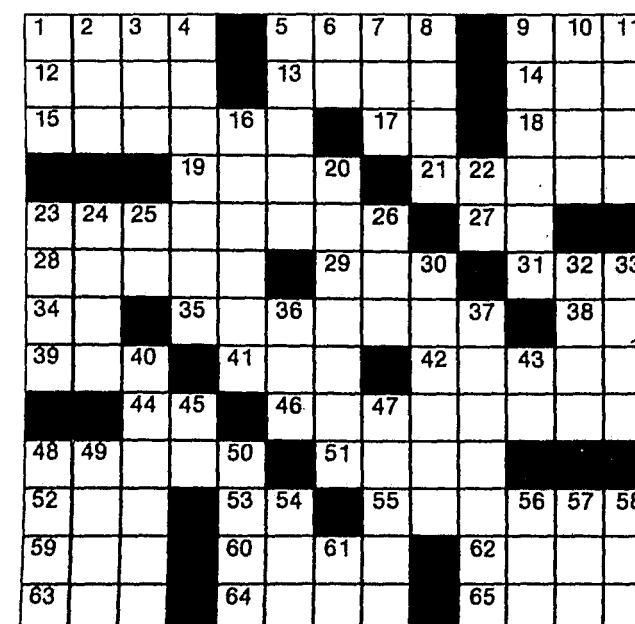
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# Hearing questions orca capture

By RON REED

At a packed hearing called by Organized Resistance to Capture Activities (ORCA) and the Sierra Club on Tuesday, April 3 beginning at 7:30 in the Convention Center, approximately 75 people heard a number of different viewpoints concerning various aspects of Sea World, Inc.'s plans to capture and study killer whales (*Orcinus Orca*) off Alaska's coast. However, Sea World itself, the focus of the controversy, which had previously agreed to send a representative, declined to do so one day before the hearing.

Panelists who participated included Jim Brooks, the Alaska regional director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which issued the permit; Pat Travers, an attorney who works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA (the body under whose authority NMFS acts); Paul Spong, a scientist with OrcaLab, a research laboratory in British Columbia that has done extensive research on the whales; Dr. Paul Simpson, the organizer of ORCA; Paddy McGuire, head of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and Representatives Mike Szymanski and Rick Uehling, who have introduced a resolution in the Alaska House objecting to the capture. (Uehling and Szymanski arrived late due to the Legislature's being in session, and were represented by aides until their arrival.)

The hearing was split in two parts, with the moderator asking individual panelists prepared questions in the first part (with a chance for other panelists to respond) and audience questions and comments being invited in the second. The mood of the audience

was distinctly anti-capture, and the Federal government representatives were often put on the defensive.

Major areas of concern addressed at the hearing included Sea World's fitness and motivations for conducting the program; whether or not "hands on" contact with its attendant trauma was needed for the stated purposes of the research; the total number of orcas to be found along the northwest Pacific coast, which would determine the appropriate number to be included in the program; and the effects of the capture activities on Alaskans, especially the impact on the tourist and fishing industries.

Speaking of the techniques to be used by Sea World, including cryogenic marking or "freeze branding" and hearing tests, Jim Brooks of NMFS stated that Sea World's proposed "hands on" activities had been devised by scientists, and in the case of freeze branding, had been successfully used in the past on fur seals. He anticipated no problems with branding the orcas, though he acknowledged that the technique could be misused, as for example by applying the brand too long. He noted, however, that if the NMFS (which will have observers on board at all times) sees abuses, "we'll stop it." He also believed the results of the hearing tests would be important when U.S. and other corporations begin seabed mining using seismic explosives later in the decade.

Dr. Spong, on the other hand, based on the experience of OrcaLab, felt that the experiments involving contact were "completely unnecessary." In particular, he noted that the markings on orcas are as individual as finger-

prints, and thus that photographic techniques for tracking are "virtually foolproof." He pointed out that the radio tags that Sea World plans to attach to some of the sea mammals are not only unnecessary but injurious to the animals, inasmuch as tags placed on orcas in the past were torn off by the whales after a time period ranging from less than a day to a maximum of a couple of weeks.

Another area of concern was with the person who will be in charge of the capture operations, one Don Goldbury, who in the past was on contract to Sea World for two capture operations that generated controversy and for which Sea World subsequently disclaimed responsibility: one in the waters of Puget Sound, which resulted in a lawsuit and an out of court agreement under which Sea World guaranteed that they would never again capture whales in Washington waters; and one in Iceland during which inadequate water for the captured whales resulted in frostbite, and subsequently in NMFS's ruling that no further importation of whales from Iceland would be allowed.

In the absence of a representative from Sea World, or of Don Goldbury to defend himself, that task was taken on by Jim Brooks, who said that people should not "crucify some individual for something that happened 15 or 20 years ago," and added that some of the things said about Goldbury could be grounds for a lawsuit. He acknowledged that there had been problems in the past, but maintained that many of these were the product of primitive techniques and ignorance, and that there had been a great deal

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## Experts examine Orca

# Cause of death can't be determined

By BECKY HINMAN  
Whalesong Staff Reporter

The cause of death of the Orca whale being studied by UAJ scientists is still undetermined, according to Dr. Lyle Hubbard, a professor in the School of Fisheries and Science.

After examining the internal organs of the 26-foot male killer whale, the cause of death cannot be determined; however, other valuable information is being gleaned from the research, Hubbard said.

While examining the contents of the four-chambered stomach and part of the intestinal tract, evidence of claws and whiskers of three or four pinipeds (seals or

sealions) were found. Since no bones or teeth were found in the stomach or intestinal tract, the UAJ scientific team theorizes that the undigestible parts of the pinipeds may be regurgitated in some form -- much as an owl pellets the remains of its prey.

While examining the whale, the team of experts were looking for any internal parasites or signs of trauma that would have led to the whale's death. None, however, were found.

After the bones that were recovered from the Orca are defleshed and dried, the skeleton may be wired and hung from one of two proposed sites, Hubbard said.

The two suggestions include a spot on the second floor of the Maurant Building or the lobby of the proposed physical education facility.

The skeleton would be suspended from the ceiling by a pulley system that would allow scientists and students to lower it and thereby study it at close range.

The information about the Orca is currently being written for a report for the National Marine Fisheries Lab. No conclusive evidence can be garnered from the study of one individual whale, Hubbard said, "but it will give scientists one more dot on the graph."

## Alaska U.S.A. open to U.A.J.

By Whalesong Staff

Faculty, staff and students at the University of Alaska, Juneau may now turn to the state's largest credit union for a full range of savings and loan services.

Alaska U.S.A. Federal Credit Union -- currently serving 1,600 members in the Capital City -- was selected by faculty and staff at UAJ in November of 1983 to serve as the university's credit union. The United Students of the University of Alaska, Juneau (USUAAJ) also selected the credit union in February of this year.

This means membership at Alaska U.S.A. is now available to all persons employed by UAJ and all current part- or full-time students in either undergraduate or graduate programs, according to Tom Graves, branch manager of the credit union's Mendenhall Valley office.

Alaska U.S.A. began in 1948 with a mere 14 members. It has now grown to more than 180,000 members with assets of \$453 million.

The credit union is the third largest financial institution in Alaska, with offices in 13 Alaska communities.

According to Graves, a wide range of consumer savings and loan services is available at Alaska U.S.A.

"Of particular interest to the students of UAJ is our Alaska Guaranteed Student Loan Program," he said. "These offer \$2,500 and

## The wrong side...

Who could blame them for thinking of us as the neighborhood bully?

And yet they are profoundly in need of and grateful for all kinds of aid. Before he fled, Anastasio Somoza looted the Treasury, bombed the capital, and racked up billions of dollars in development loans that went to line his pockets -- loans that the Nicaraguans are under no obligation to honor, but have chosen to do so. In agricultural tools and materials, in medical supplies, in rehabilitation funds to rebuild Managua (both from the bombing and from the 1975 earthquake), in capital infrastructure -- they need an enormous amount of help, and are not particular about its point of origin. (They have even passed a law allowing full repatriation of profits in order to

encourage foreign investment.) The U.S., with the mightiest industrial plant in the world by far, is in a unique position to provide a great deal of this aid -- or to keep making things worse.

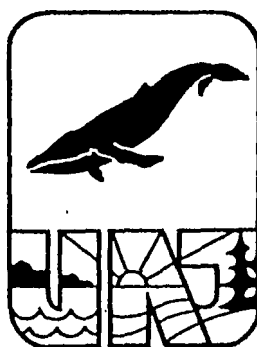
As Jesse Jackson said, we have been consistently on the wrong side of history in the recent past. We can begin to make amends if we as a people so desire. If enough of us care, we are even in a position to make our government change its course, or change the government to one that will. Or we can continue to sow the wind, and then whine with crybaby Jeanne Kirkpatrick about all the ungrateful snots in the rest of the world -- in fact, virtually the entire rest of the human race -- as the whirlwind of history rises around us.

\$5,000 maximum loans per academic year for undergraduate and graduate students, respectively, at the current interest rate of 8 percent."

Applications and more information about the loans and the credit union in general may be obtained by calling the credit union at 789-1361 or by contacting either the Counseling and Health Center (Financial Aid Office) or the Employee Relations Office at UAJ.

### Puzzle Answer

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